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24 September 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 September 1968

*DD/I reported that General Carroll is pleased with the results of the joint DIA/CIA effort to reach an agreed figure on NVA strength in South Vietnam but apparently feels that it would be desirable to reach agreement on all aspects of enemy strength figures before surfacing the accord on NVA strength. DD/I emphasized that, while the CIA methodology used in reaching the NVA figures agreement will now be used across the board, it would nonetheless be helpful to the Paris negotiators if the NVA figures could be used immediately. The Director asked the DD/I to prepare a letter to General Carroll for the Director's signature stating our view that it would be appropriate to utilize the agreed NVA strength figures posthaste.

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Godfrey provided a memorandum on various nuts-and-bolts aspects of the Arab-Israeli confrontation.

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D/ONE reported that NIE 11-8-68 went through a final clean-up meeting of representatives yesterday and should be ready for USIB this Thursday.

25X1 DD/S advised that [] receives the Paperwork Management Award today.

Carver confirmed that Under Secretary Katzenbach will be on hand for a briefing on Vietnam at 1430 today.

Maury noted that the briefing of Senator Ellender went well yesterday.

Maury noted that Senator Russell found the unclassified material on the status of Soviet and Chinese forces satisfactory.

Parrott advised that the PFIAB African Panel will be briefed this morning.

The Director indicated that our letter to Senator Cooper on certain aspects of the ABM problem should not be held up despite press reports of Senator Cooper's apparent desire for an executive session of the Senate to deal with the Sentinel program.

The Director advised that Secretary Cohen has been invited by Ambassador Shriver to discuss student and related problems with the French Minister of National Education. The Director suggested to Cohen that he read our paper on youth unrest as background.

Goodwin advised that Newsweek is preparing a cover story on international student unrest and has solicited CIA assistance. The Director indicated that we ought not to be responsive to requests for briefings, etc., on matters related to students.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer